being organised. The Institute will be conducting following Short Term Courses during 1997; (i) Effective Public Relations and Publicity for State Information Officers and PROs, (ii) TV News Reporting for News Readers and Editors, correspondents of Doordarshan, and (iii) Economic Reporting for Indian Information Service Officers Correspondents and Producers.

Out of a total of about 10 acres of land earmarked for the construction of IIMC Building Project at Kottayam, only an area of 4.2 acres has been transferred to the Institute by the State Government. The rest of the land is yet to be transferred to IIMC.

Extension of Railway Line from Dullabcherra to Ranpur

3736. SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey for new railway line from Dullabcherra to Ranpur in Karimganj-Dullabcherra Branch Section in Assam; and

(b) if so, the time by which the above survey is likely to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Train Service from Bombay to Kanniyakumari

3737. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide train service from Bombay to Kanniyakumari through the Konkan railway routes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Derailment of Goods Train

3738. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a goods train derailed at Dolomajra, 20 kms. from Ambala on July 11, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the loss suffered by the Railways due to this derailment;

(d) whether sabotage is suspected as the cause of the derailment of the goods train;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 11.7.1997 at 0018 hrs., 22 wagons of Dn Crack No. 14 goods train derailed at Dhola Majra Station of Delhi Division of Northern Railway.

(c) The loss suffered by the Railway due to this accident is Rs. 6.20 lakhs approximately.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.

Loan for Power Grid Corporation

3739. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation is negotiating with International Banks for obtaining syndicated loans;

(b) if so, the total international banks which have been approached for the loan;

(c) if so, whether this is the first time that a Central Government Undertaking is going for external commercial borrowings;

(d) if so, the total loan obtained so far; and

(e) the conditions on which this loan has been obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. POWERGRID have approached 31 International Banks for mobilising syndicated loans.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Height of Platforms in Bhusawal Division

3740. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) the details of the platforms which are not of prescribed height in Bhusawal division of Central Railway; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the height of these platforms?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Height of platforms at different stations are determined as per norms based on the volume of passenger traffic and the number of trains halting. In Bhusawal division platforms at Jalamb and Yeotmal railway stations require raising. Work for the same will be included in future works programe of the Railways, subject to overall availability of resources.